



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
U.S. NAVY * U.S. MARINE CORPS * U.S. COAST GUARD*

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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

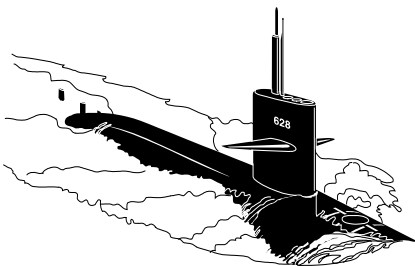
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EVENTS OCT 2024

- Oct 4 – Nat Firefighters Memorial Weekend
- Oct 6 – Start of Fire Prevention Week (1922)
- Oct 7 – Columbus Day
- Oct 13 – US Navy B-Day (1775)
- Oct 19 – Sweetest Day
- Oct 24 – Branch Meeting
- Oct 24 – United Nations Day
- Oct 26 – Nat Day of the Deployed
- Oct 27 – US Navy Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 12-15 – National Convention
- Nov 21 – Branch Meeting
- Dec – No Meeting
- Jan 23 – Branch Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., October 24, 2024
(1700)
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807

**YOU ARE WANTED
AND WELCOME
SHIPMATES
AT BRANCH 316'S
MEETINGS**



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, OCTOBER 24, 2024, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. There will be a meal provided at 1700.

LAST MEETING: S/M President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800 IAW Article 12 Sec 1214 National C&BL. Members in attendance were: Chuck Ewy, Don Weiss, Don Brunk, Jim Grier, Frank Parker, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Robert Turner, Teri Jeske, and Michelle Gallion. We had one guest Lon Jeske. S/M Chaplain opened the Bible and gave the opening prayer. All Shipmates repeated the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag and the "Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA". A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, AUGUST 22, 2024, and approve as they were published in verbatim in the SEPTEMBER 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- No Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- S/M Dennis Sutherland was back in the hospital. Family would appreciate prayers.
- S/M Nolan Moody mentioned Ed Fox, who is 101 years old, was in Mercy with appendicitis.

MEMBERSHIP:

- AUGUST'S REPORT - 6 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 3 Members past due, 111 Total active members, 3 Members past due, 108 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported:

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy reported:

- Read two thank you cards from Community Partnerships of the Ozarks for donations from Branch 316.
- Read a letter to NCR President Ed Blind that Branch 316 will host the 2026 NCR Convention.
- Read the letter to National BOD requesting permission to use the FRA Emblem.
- Went over the Resolutions promulgated by National that will be voted on at the National Convention in November,
- Made available to all members present the 2020 Financial Audit from National.

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed. The meal was \$64.55. Meal donations was \$31.00.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M President mentioned the PCCC Day of Sharing, November 19, 2024. They will have a dinner while sharing pictures. A table of eight will cost \$1,850.00. S/M Don Brunk made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 purchase a table for eight. S/M Virginia Swayne seconded the motion and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 support S/M NVP Maria Behm for NP 2024-25 and PRPWC Richard Freto for NVP 2024-25.
- S/M Secretary will send a letter to our Proxies for National Convention with instructions how to vote for Branch 316.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Sec. presented S/M Pres his past officer pin. S/M Pres. Presented the past officer pins to Treasurer Frank Parker and Chaplain Don Brunk. MAA Jim Grier and Vice Pres were not present.
- S/M Pres. Mentioned the 2025 Navy Ball will be a combined effort of Ozark Empire Branch 316 and the Chief's Mess from the Navy Reserve Center.
- There will be a Hog Night at AL Post 639 on Oct 2, 2024

Motion by S/M Nolan Moody to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed. Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1945

Next meeting will be October 24, 2024 at 1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRA 2024 National Convention, will be held in Annapolis, MD., 12-16 November 2024. This will be our Centennial Convention celebrating FRA's 100th Anniversary.

FRA 2025 National Constitutional Convention, hosted by Branch/Unit 161 and Branch/Unit 032. More information to be forthcoming.

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316: The 2025 Mid-Year Conference, will be held, April 26 – 29 in Bloomington, Minnesota, and will be hosted by Viking Branch 136. More information will be forth coming.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome S/M's – Jennifer Bailey, Robert Duff, Nyto Griffen, John Loe, Nathalie Metzler, and Jonathan Vaughan.

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Billie Jo Christy, Johnny Christy, and Adam Miller.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUG 31, 2024: Patrick Cashin

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEP 30, 2024: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCT 31, 2024: Anthony Bentley, Lawrence Hogue, Michael Kimball, Richard Seiferd, and Christina Smith.

Shipmates we need you to renew your membership. If you need any assistance. Please notify Secretary Ewy at 417-861- 9926. (If no answer please leave a message) or e-mail me at cmewy@sbcglobal.net Please contact me if you have sent in your dues and are still in arrears, so I can get it corrected.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: NONE

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER: None
SHIPMATES IN GOOD STANDING, WITH 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY DUES:

VISITATION: Shipmates, if you are sick or confined to bed, please let us know so one of the following S/M can come and visit you. Contact: S/M Chaplain – Don Brunk (417-840-4717), S/M Secretary – Chuck Ewy (417-861-9926) or S/M President – Robert Turner (417-838-4991).

OCTOBER 2024 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Anthony Bentley	01 Yr.	Robert Callahan	46 Yrs.	Craig Chapman	30 Yrs.
Richard Feyerabend	03 Yrs.	Larry Hogue	07 Yrs.	Melvin Johnson	01 Yr.
Michael Kimball	01 Yr.	Frank Parker	32 Yrs.	Richard Seifred	01 Yrs.
Christina Smith	01 Yr.	Norma Wright	22 Yrs.		

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

James Ervin	78 Yrs.	Joe Hopkins	68 Yrs.	Nolan Moody	77 Yrs.
Billy Tettenhorst	59 Yrs.				

If any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316



**S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy Presenting
S/M President Robert Turner with his
Past President Pin.**



**S/M President Robert Turner Presenting
S/M Treasurer Frank Parker with his
Past Officer Pin**



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S/M Chaplin Don Brunk with his
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Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

The group continues to enjoy the ebb and flow of a group with one of the only constants being the time and dates of our meetings. At times like this, it is somewhat comforting to relate to our group as always changing. This isn't something to take personally as much as it is to realize that it always offers respect, listening, fellowship and lots of pizza and pop.

I've said in our group that we don't try to "fix" anyone or offer therapy for anyone. We all have a kinship in having been associated with the military but this is only a doorway into a supportive environment to be "regarded". I did the unusual in putting the word "regarded" into quotation marks to emphasize the importance that all of us want and in some degree need.

Let me try to explain in a different way. If I think strongly enough of what I feel, I will behave in a certain way. I will be recognized by others, in a positive/negative way and "regarded". It is this positive "regarding" that we seek to give to others in our meeting by listening and not being judgmental.

We know enough about ourselves to learn about forgiving ourselves, sometimes the Give Vets Hope meetings can be the catalyst for this happening.

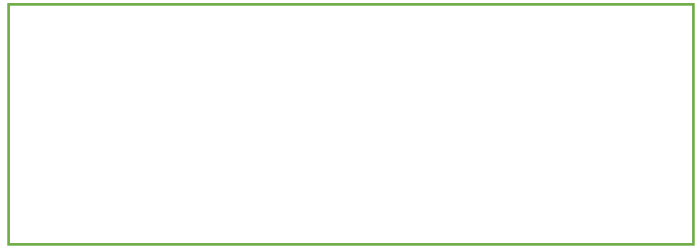
It usually takes more than one meeting to feel this, but it is offered twice a month.

If you would like more information about the "GIVE VETS HOPE" group please contact me at: davidsuits25@gmail.com or call and leave a message for him at 417-773-1837. Our Facebook page is: [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/). From this page you can access our website and learn more information.

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**Coast Guard cutter Forrest Rednour (WPC-1129)
First in a Quartet of New Coast Guard Cutters Arrive in Los Angeles**